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Solixon A-1525-V

Based on Solaronix' exclusive light engine, our solar simulation equipment delivers a perfect and continuous artificial sunlight 24/7, allowing for accurate stability and performance assessments of solar

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Solixon A-1525-V Specifications

The Solixon A-1525-V is a complete Solar simulator and light soaking unit having a total sample area of 1.5x2.5m. It consists of three main components:

- A high efficiency Lumixo plasma light engines array fitted with bulbs giving a class A sun spectrum.

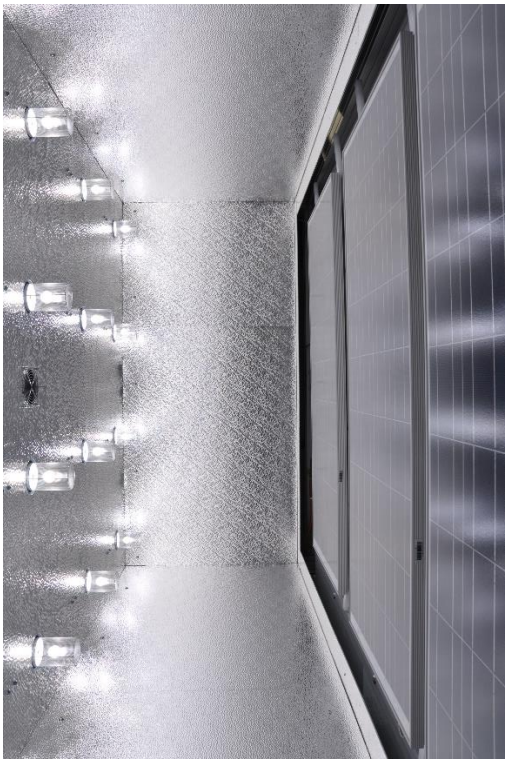
At the heart of our simulators stand Solaronix' exclusive Lumixo light-engines (Xenonless xenon lamp), 1kW electrode-less discharge lamps with a lifetime up to 20'000 hours. All parts of the light engines can be refurbished or replaced.

- A reflector box homogenizing the diffuse light from the light sources, in a way to ensure uniformity and proper spectrum on the sample area. The reflector box consists of a mechanical structure and its cabling elements dedicated to the light-engine array. The sample surface is placed 20-50 mm under the reflector edge.

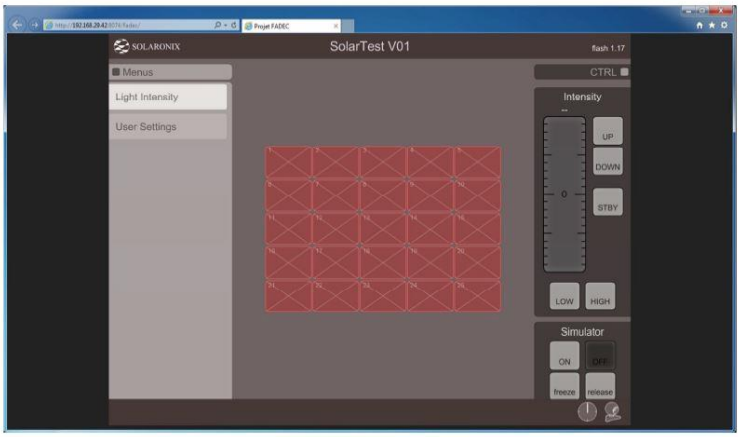
The light-engines array and its reflector with the associated mechanics forms the complete illuminating unit. An instrumentation capable of measuring the irradiation of sun spectrum produced by light-engines at the test plane of the module is provided. The instrumentation wavelength range is between 400nm to 1100nm with an uncertainly less than 1%.

- The system has an air cooled sample holder to control the sample temperature during the illumination tests. The sample holder uses a chiller unit to maintain air temperature steady during illumination. A wide access of back module is warranty by moving the drawer on rails.

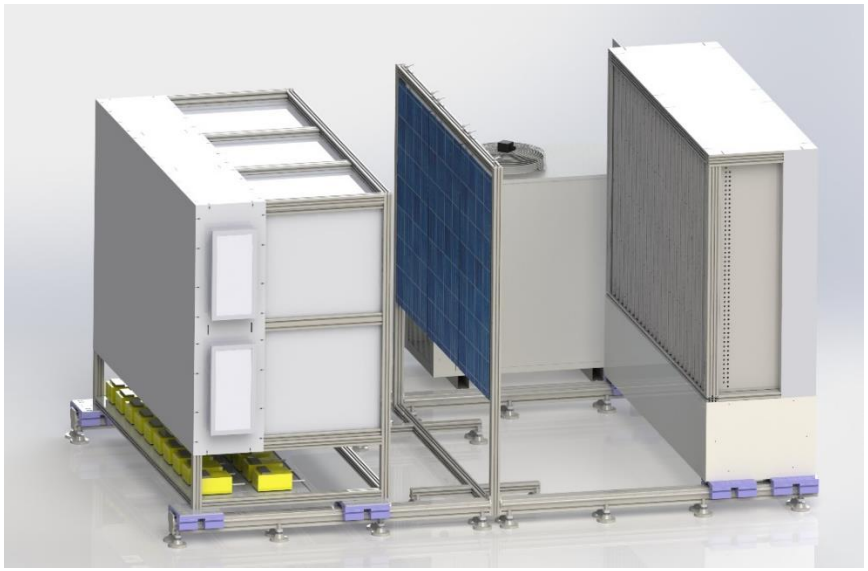
- We recommend to use Infra-red camera to analysis the module.



Illuminating chamber



Lamp array remote control



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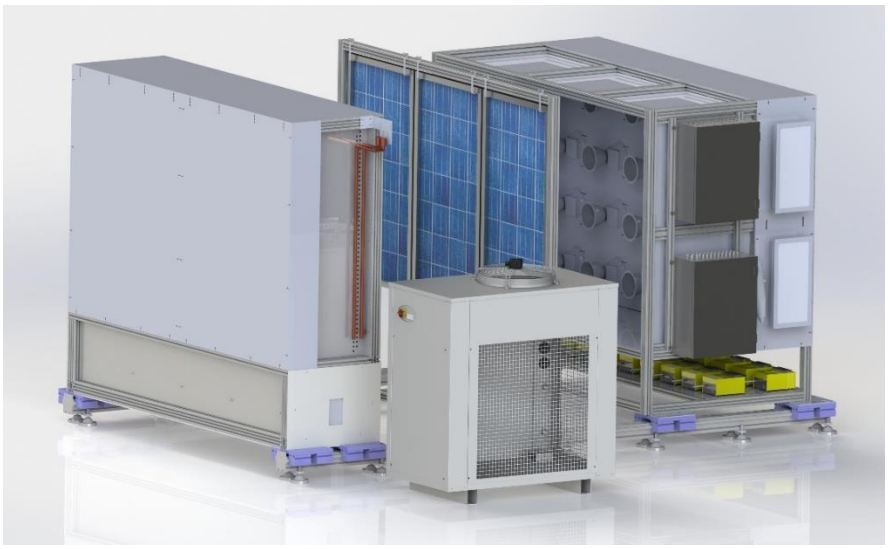

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Measurement capabilities:

- Maximum power determination (MPP) test according IEC 61215 and IEC 61646 norms
- Measurement of temperature coefficient test according IEC 61215 and IEC 61646 norms
- Performance at STC and NOCT according IEC 61215 and IEC 61646 norms
- Performance at low irradiance according IEC 61215 and IEC 61646 norms
- Light soaking test according IEC 61646 norm
- Hot-spot endurance test according IEC 61215 and IEC 61646 norms

Illuminating unit specifications

Total active area: 1.5 x 2.5 m

Irradiance level: The nominal central irradiance measured is adjustable between 500 W/m2 to 1'100 W/m2 in the wavelength range between 400 nm and 1'100 nm.

The lowest achievable irradiance (500W/m2 or lower) acts as the standby mode, used for sample cooling down.

No shutter is necessary, nor provided with the system. If no light is needed, the light-engines array can be switched off.

Non-uniformity over the sample area (within 800-1100 W/m2 operating range):

The class AAA adjustment and characterization is provided by Solaronix, the specification is a class A non-uniformity (± 2% as per IEC 60904-9) on the complete sample area.

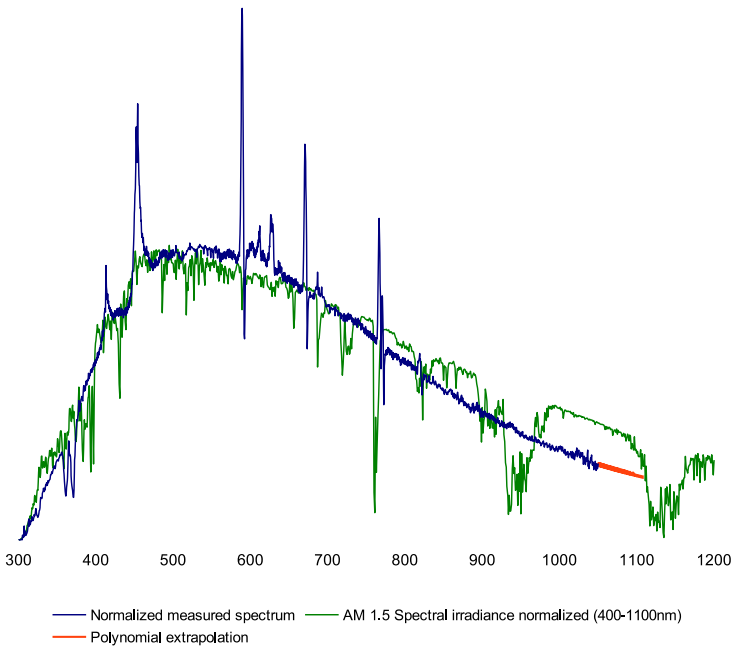
Temporal stability (within 800-1'100 W/m2 operating range):

The irradiance stability (LTI and STI as per IEC 60904-9) is defined as per IEC 60904-9, 5.4.1.3.c. The system is built to ensure a < ± 1% temporal stability.

Spectrum (within 800-1'100 W/m2 operating range)

Wavelentgh range	AM1.5 ratio	Spectrum ratio	Mismatch	Class
400-500 nm	18.4	17.9	0.97	A
500-600 nm	19.91	20.9	1.05	A
600-700 nm	18.36	19.6	1.07	A
700-800 nm	14.92	15.8	1.06	A
800-900 nm	12.46	11.5	0.92	A
900-1100 nm	15.94	14.4	0.90	A

Class A	Class B	Class C
0.75	0.60	0.40
1.25	1.40	2.00



Warm up time for stabilization of irradiance: ~150 s

Warm up time for stabilization of I-V measurements: ~150 s

Maximum angle subtended by the light source (including reflected light) in the test plane: 90°

Changes that may require verification of the classification:

Any lamp unit or power supply replacement may change the irradiance non-uniformity specification.

Any change of the system settings in the operating software may change the irradiance non-uniformity specification.

Temporal stability and spectrum should not be affected by such changes.

Operating conditions:

Ambient temperature +15°C to +25°C, relative humidity < 50%, non-condensing.

As no dust filter is provided on the air cooling system, the system has to operate in a clean, with no dust or fumes emitting process nearby.

Maximal power requirement: 30kW, nominal 20kW, 230VAC 60Hz; 3P/N/PE.

Required flow of cooling air:

System consumption (intake): 6000 m3/H at 25°C via multiple Ø250mm pipes on the system left & right side.

System exhaust: 6000 m3/H at 45-50°C via multiple Ø250mm pipes on the system front and/or back.

The cooling air unit must install following the requirements provide by the manufacturer.

Sample holder specification

An air-to-water chiller provides water flow from 5°C to 20°C to a water-to-air exchanger placed under the samples. Recirculating air is blown trough this exchanger toward the samples to remove 10 kW of heat at an air temperature down to 7°C.

The user sets the water temperature on the chiller control unit, and he is also responsible for adjusting the water temperature according to the measured sample temperature.

Sample area: 1.5 x 2.5m

Cooling capacity:

The system is designed to provide 7°C air with an average velocity of 5m/s on the sample back face. Such a system has demonstrated its ability to cool down a crystalline silicon solar panel back face down to 50°C ± 10°C.

The sample temperature can be adjusted, by changing the cooling air unit temperature set point or by changing the ventilators speed.

Operating conditions:

Required flow of cooling air: none, the cooling air is recirculating in close circuit inside the sample holder.

Size of equipment

Simulator with drawer closed: 2m x 3m x h2.3m (without rails)

System overall footprint, including service access: 4m x 4.2m x h2.3m

Weight: ~910 kg (illuminating unit) + 420 kg (sample holder) + 280 kg (Chiller unit)

Light engine

The light engine is a Xenonless Xenon lamp system. The light engine is based on plasma lamp. **This lamp equips the new generation of light soaker and solar simulator maintenance free.**

The advantages of plasma lamp are:

- Sun spectrum class A according IEC60904-9 without filter
    - Reduce maintenance cost
- Life time up to 40'000 hours (warranty 20'000 hours)
    - Reduce maintenance cost
- No shift spectrum
    - Increase quality test
- No light flux reduction
    - Increase quality test

Documentation

Comprehensive documentation is provided with the system, including operation manual, software manual, and the necessary electrical and mechanical schematics for maintenance.

Safety

No particular safety means are necessary for system operation. Direct view to the light source is prevented by the system design. UV protect glasses are provided with the equipment.

I-V System professional

Our I-V System Pro is built around the well-known Kepco Bop bi-polar power supply and 3 Agilent DMMs to realize high quality data acquisition on current, voltage and reference cell. These proven instruments have all it takes to measure IV-curves (both dark and illuminated) on solar cells and modules.

The current range is ±4A, where the voltage range is ±100V. Other ranges are available on request.

When measuring solar cells, it is very important to use a thermostated sample holder, to avoid measurement due to thermal drift of the sample.

Another important parameter for solar cell metrology is the temperature. A high precision, class A Pt100 temperature sensor including computer interface (USB) is included with this professional I-V System.

Please note that the Tracer I-V Curve Software is required to operate the I-V System professional.

Key features

- Kepco Bop bi-polar power supply (electronic load)
- 3 x Agilent digital multi-meter (DMM)
- Instrument for measuring I-V curves (both dark and illuminated)
- Current ±1A (other ranges are available on request.)
- Voltage range ±100V (other ranges are available on request)
- Including GPIB interface
- Including class A Pt100 temperature sensor with USB computer interface

I-V System professional

I-V Measurement Software

A powerful software named Tracer, controlling the electronic load, allows a user-friendly operation, going from simple current-voltage (I-V) plot tracing to more advanced device characterization.

It seems logical for this measurement to use a standard power supply, because a power supply is normally used to provide a variable voltage and current. Unfortunately, this would not work for solar cells. A solar cell generates current, so you will need to have a power supply that sinks this generated current instead of provide it. This can be done with a so called bi-polar power supply (or electronic load). This is a power supply that can sink and source current at both positive and negative voltages. There are many instruments on the market that can be used a such a bi-polar power supply. Some of them are just bi-polar power supplies while others integrate measurement and control capabilities as well.

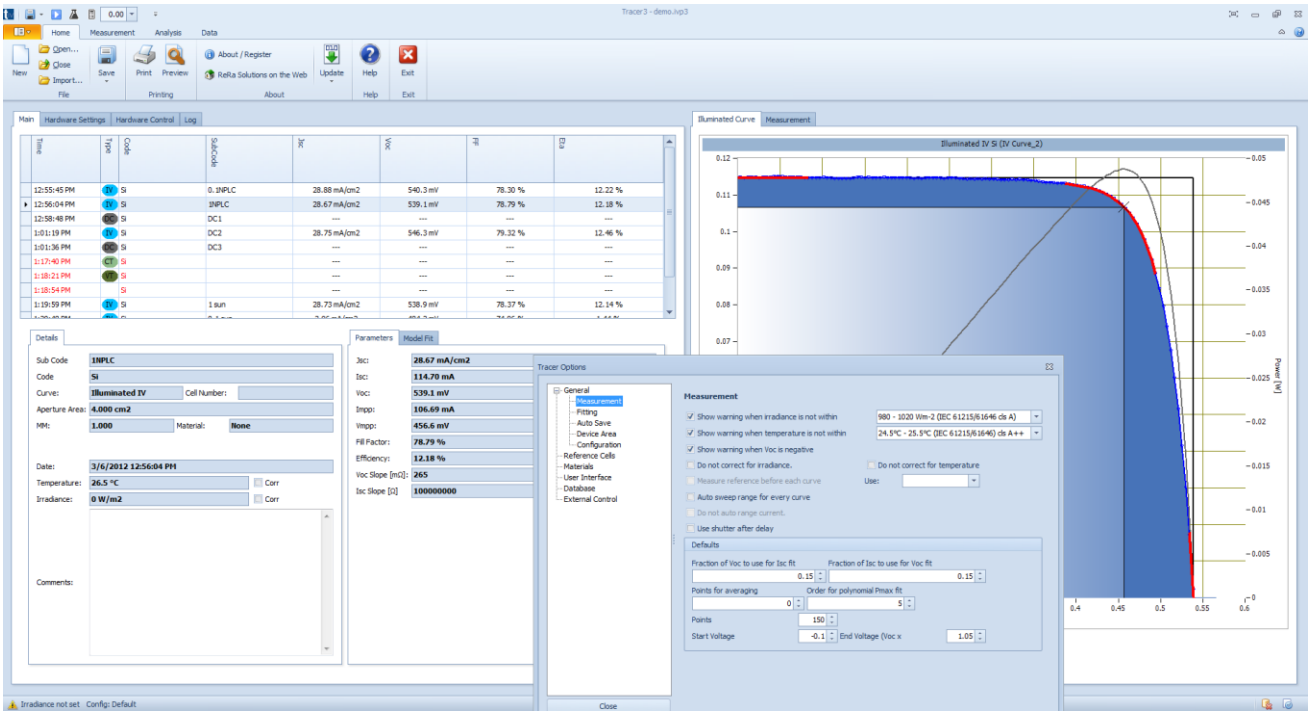
Tracer will let you define and setup a system based on different instruments to measure your I-V curves. You can add multiplexers to automatically measure multiple cells by using one single measurement system, implement contact checking and measure monitoring solar cells.

Some examples of the supported hardware:

- Keithley 2400 series
- Keithley 2600 series
- HACKL Electronic Loads
- Kepco BOB
- B&K Electronic Loads
- Toellner loads info
- EKO MP-180 Curve Tracer
- National Instruments Data Acquisition
- MODBUS / Ethernet controlled instruments

Of course Tracer natively supports the control of all Keithley 2400 and 2600 series SourceMeters. These instruments have proven their strength over time for the measurement of solar cells. They range from 0.1fA – 20 Amperes. Tracer is developed with the latest Microsoft.NET Technology, which resulted in a modern 'Microsoft Office' look and feel. A stable operation on the Microsoft Windows platform is guaranteed (Vista or higher). Other popular platforms like Linux and MacOS will be supported in the future.

I-V Software main window



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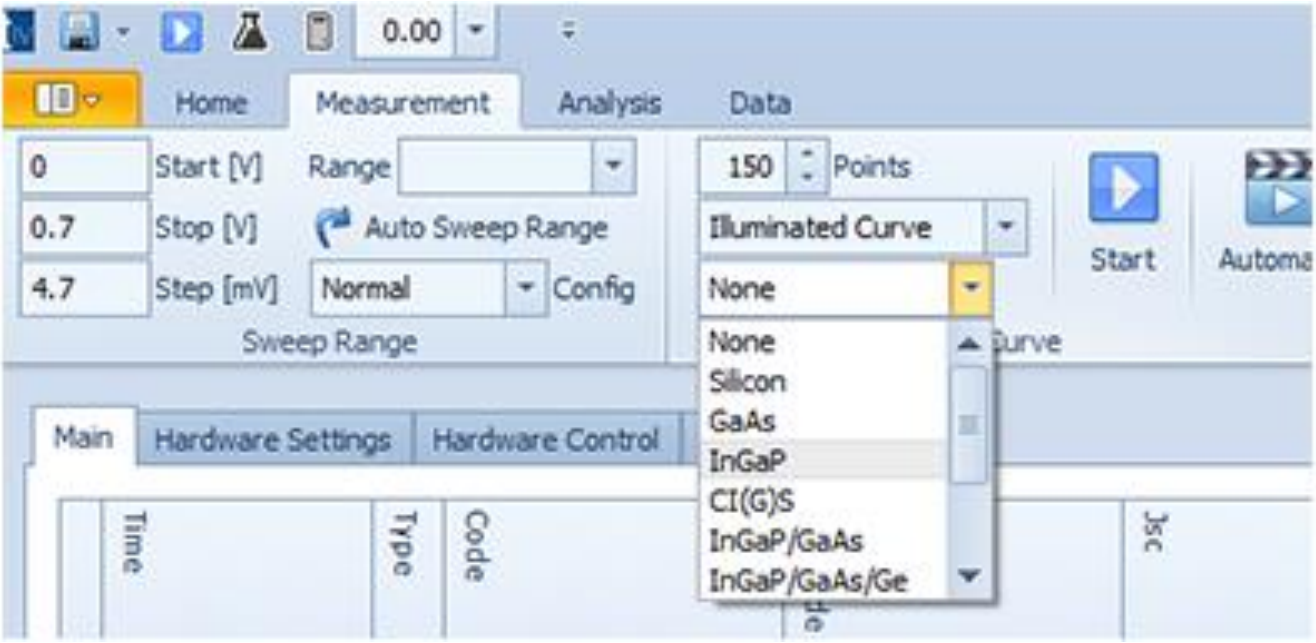
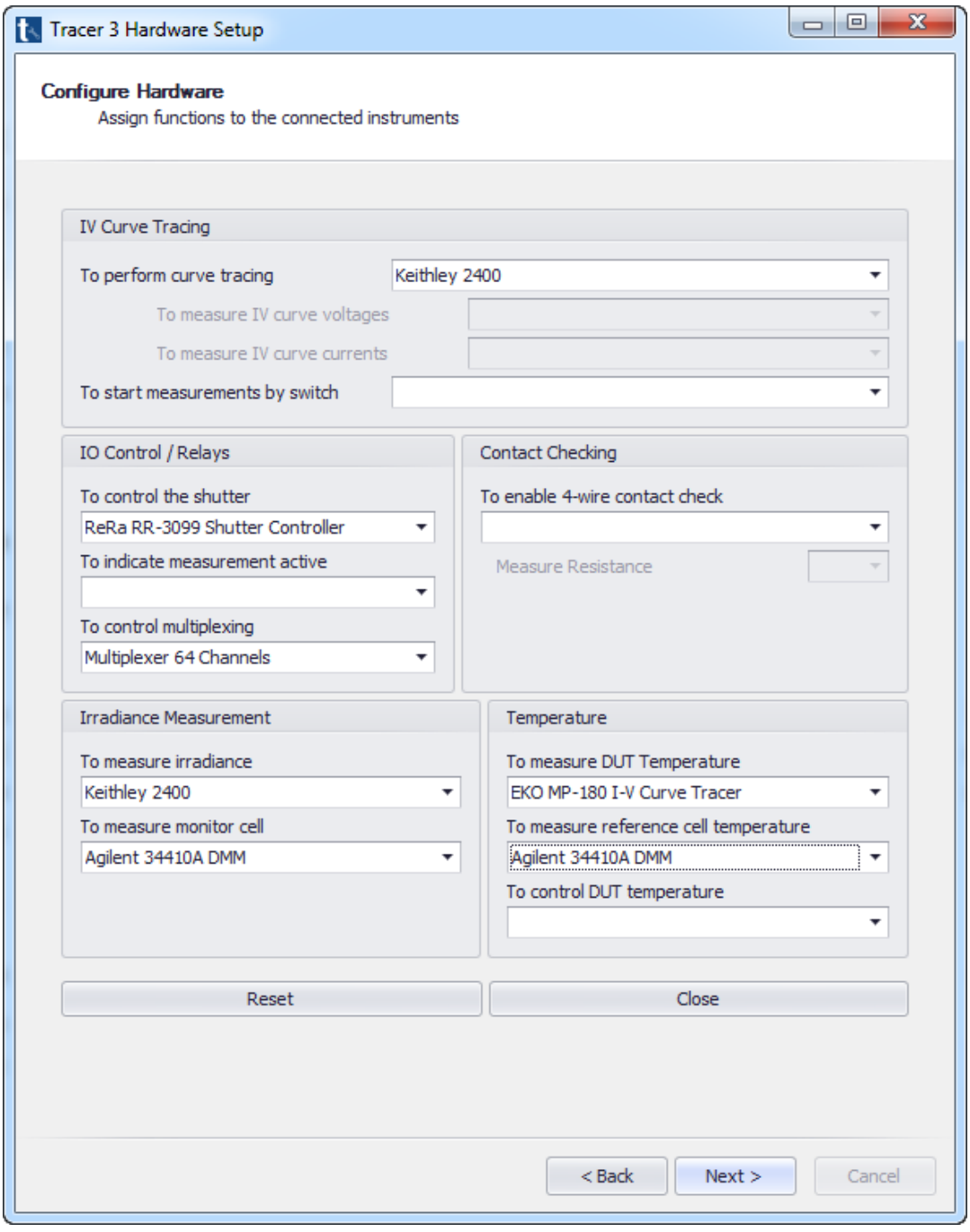


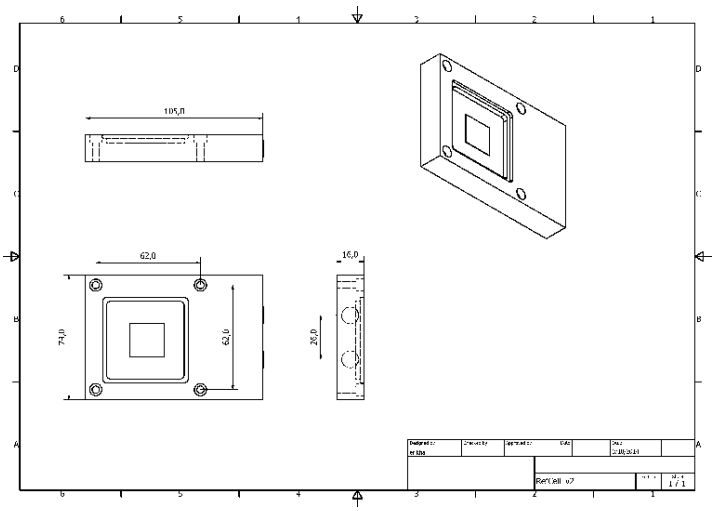
Tracer Configurator

Before you start working with Tracer, you will have to configure your system. This is done by the Tracer Configurator. A tool that completely defines the setup you want to use. Tracer intends to support most instruments available on the market to use as an IV-curve measurement system. You can use for example a Kepco BOP bipolar power supply, add 2 Agilent 34410A DMMs to measure voltage and current, use a National Instruments DAQ card to control the Kepco BOP and get that unused Keithley 2000 DMM to measure a Pt100 sensor for the solar cell temperature. This is all defined in the configurator.



Reference Si solar cell

The reference Si cell has active area of 2 x 2 cm



The reference has a dimension of 74 x 105 x 16 mm

Product Description

The standard crystalline silicon reference cell manufactured by ReRa is a high-quality precision sensor for the determination of solar simulator irradiance levels. ReRa uses the Radboud University Nijmegen PV Measurement Facility to calibrate the cells indoor. The calibration is done against an established set of reference cells calibrated at NREL and Fraunhofer ISE. These references are measured each year at the spectroradiometer and broadband intercomparison to ensure traceability.

Key features

- Lower cost reference cell
- Calibrated against traceable reference set
- Irradiance and temperature readout
- Protective Quartz (standard) or Schott KG glass window
- Compatible with the Tracer I-V software
- Open and shunted version available
- Several filter options (KG# window) to match spectral response, KG number to be specified at order.
- Including full calibration report (I-V curve plot, Isc, Voc, Impp, Vmpp, Fill Factor and Efficiency)
- Including cables to connect reference cell in a 4 wires configuration
- Including protective suitcase

Models

- Shunted Silicon Reference Cell
- Open Silicon Reference Cell

Options

All reference cells can be ordered with a KG3 or KG5 window for measurements of specific cell materials.

- KG3 window (+ € 125)
- KG5 window (+ € 125)

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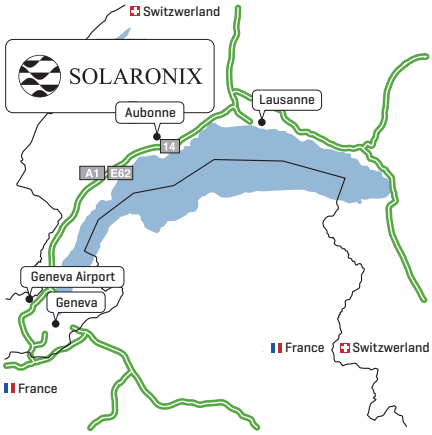

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